

# **GIIKENDAAM** **CHIWIKWEGAMAG**

**All You Need To Know About The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community**  
**Abita-Niibini Giizis - Midsummer Moon - July 2007**



## KBIC SENIOR BANQUET



KBIC held their Senior Banquet for KBIC L'Anse and Baraga high school graduates on May 30, 2007, at the Chippewa Rooms in the Ojibwa Resort, in Baraga, Michigan. Eight graduates were honored at this year's event. William (Bill) Jondreau, Guest Speaker, (pictured at left) presented the address and spoke of the need to "begin at the bottom and work your way up to gain the experience and respect of your staff." He added, "Take chances, legal ones, otherwise you might end up with me." Jondreau put a strong emphasis on the need for education and community service as these young tribal graduates are our future leaders. William Jondreau is the Assistant Deputy Warden at the Baraga Maximum Correctional Facility and a KBIC member. He is a former Assistant Tribal Judge, Tribal Law Enforcement Officer, and

Tribal Council member. He is currently a member of the Baraga Fire Dept. and volunteers a great deal to help his community.

The KBIC Education Department offers two \$1000 scholarships each year for their graduates. This year the Baraga Scholarship was awarded to Daniel Giddings, and the L'Anse Scholarship was awarded to Shiloh Lussier. The Dawn Louise Denomie Memorial Scholarship on behalf of the Denomie family was awarded to Brittney Maki.

The banquet is sponsored annually by the Keweenaw Bay Education Committee. Members of whom are: Terri Denomie, Lynn Haataja, William Seppanen Sr., Dawn Alexander, Vicki Emery, Charles Loonsfoot Jr., and Robin Roe. Tribal Education staff: Amy St. Arnold, Education Director; Peggy Dunn, L'Anse Tutor; and Helen Jondreau, Baraga Tutor, were also recognized. Special invites were extended to the L'Anse and Baraga School Board and Faculty.

### Tribal Council Members:

Susan J. LaFerner, President  
 Warren C. Swartz Jr., Vice-President  
 Toni Minton, Secretary  
 Gary F. Loonsfoot Sr., Asst. Secretary  
 Jennifer Misegan, Treasurer  
 Larry J. Denomie III, CEO  
 Doreen Blaker  
 William E. Emery  
 Elizabeth D. Mayo  
 Michael F. LaFerner, Sr.  
 Elizabeth (Chiz) Matthews  
 Jerry Lee Curtis

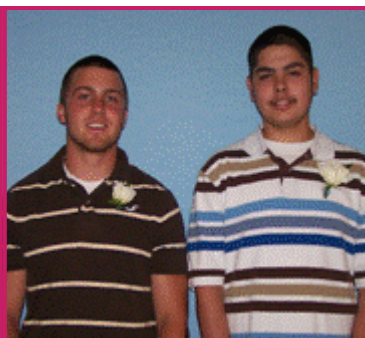


### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- June 2, 2007 Tribal Council meeting
- GLIFWC Hosts Open House
- Even Start Hosts Open House
- KBIC Princess Candidates
- Third Community Gathering for the Anishinaabe Language Revitalization and Preservation Project
- 'Kick off to Summer Reading Program'
- Aainoojiyens
- New Employees



Pictured are the KBIC L'Anse/Baraga graduates. Left to right, front row—Danika Strong, T a n y a Sherman, Brittany Maki, back row—Casey Maki, Daniel Giddings, Shiloh



KBIC Scholarship Winners: (left to right) Daniel Giddings and Shiloh Lussier.



Brittany Maki with Larry Denomie as she is awarded the Dawn Louise Denomie Scholarship.

Lussier. Missing from the photo are: Steven Geroux and Michael Lahti. All graduates received gifts from the Education Department, Tribal Council, Ojibwa Senior Citizens and the Cultural Committee.

## JUNE 2, 2007 — TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING

The Tribal Council held their regularly scheduled Saturday Tribal Council meeting on June 2, 2007. Susan LaFerner presided over the meeting with Warren C. Swartz Jr., Toni Minton, Gary F. Loonsfoot Sr., Jennifer Misegan, Larry Denomie III, Doreen Blaker (arrived late) Jerry Lee Curtis, William E. Emery, Michael LaFerner Sr., Elizabeth (Chiz) Matthews and Elizabeth D. Mayo present. Invocation—an opening prayer in Ojibwa and the Lord's Prayer were cited. Numerous *Thank You* and *For Your Information* items were reviewed by Council.

Susan LaFerner reported in the President's Report, on May 3, 2007, she took part in our National Day of Prayer presentation at the Tribal Center. Thanks to all who attended and special thanks to Pauline Knapp Spruce, Four Thunders Drum, Larry Denomie, Jeanne Kauppila, Jennifer Misegan, and John Bussey. On May 5, 2007, President LaFerner presented the Council Address at the Ojibwa Community College Commencement. Congratulations to Katherine Engle, Suzanne Jondreau, Francis LaPointe III, and Gloria Shalfoe. On May 7, 2007, President LaFerner, Jennifer Misegan, Larry Denomie, and Amy St. Arnold met with Mike Lahti, our 110th District House Representative. We wanted to introduce ourselves to him and have the opportunity to discuss a few concerns—tuition waiver, lake level, cutbacks within the State Police and how that could affect us with use of the forensic lab and polygraph system in Marquette and to bring him up to date with our proposed Marquette Casino move to the airport. On May 9, 2007, the second Annual Service Provider Round Table meeting was held to discuss accomplishments each department has achieved and to provide information to each other on all of our programs and services that we offer and how we can improve. President LaFerner and Attorney John Baker attended the National Native American Economic Policy Summit held in Phoenix, Arizona, on May 15-17, 2007, with more than 500 Tribal leaders, federal officials, and leaders of Native organizations. It was a great conference. The primary goal for the week was to identify policies that have successfully stimulated tribal economies as well as persistent barriers that can be addressed through policy enhancements. There were different breakout sessions available for sharing experiences, challenges and the best practices on capital and finance, business development, and infrastructure. Each track had keynote speakers, and the luncheon speaker was Carl Artman, who is the new Assistant Secretary for the Bureau of Indian Affairs. We were also fortunate to meet with Mr. Artman regarding our two-part application on the airport casino. President LaFerner learned there were approximately 314 economic policy recommendations made for Indian Country at the meeting. On May 22, 2007, President LaFerner and William (Gene) Emery attended the Great Lakes Indian Fish & Wildlife Commission meeting. One topic of interest was the presentation on Lake Superior Water Levels. One of the main reasons stated for low water level is that our Lake Superior region has been in approximately a four year drought, higher evaporation rates and since 1979, the surface water temperature has risen 4.5 degrees F. and the air temperature has risen 2.7 degrees F. This is a climate change. Following the GLIFWC meeting, a treaty presentation was held with facilitator Jim St. Arnold. KBIC is planning a community presentation in the near future on the lake levels and a presentation with the Drug Task Force. On May 23, 2007, President LaFerner attended the Drug Task Force meeting. On May 24, 2007, President LaFerner participated in the I.H.S. Tribal Advisory Board (TAB) meeting. We were saddened to learn that our annual Tribal/State summit meeting between twelve Tribes of Michigan and Governor Granholm was cancelled that had been scheduled for May 25, 2007, in Sault Ste. Marie. President LaFerner attended the Tribal Education Committee Senior Banquet on May 30, 2007, which honored eight KBIC high school graduates of L'Anse and Baraga. It was an honor to present them with checks from KBIC. President LaFerner also met with an NMU professor who is doing a story regarding the proposed mine at the Yellow Dog Plains. Please watch WLUC TV6 for our ad (possibly in June) that will feature the history of the Tribe along with shots of our Senior Citizens, Hatchery, College, Clinic, and our Tribal Council. Congratulations to KBIC member, Beth Dix, who will be our new L'Anse school board member, also to Renee Lehto, who recently won the election. President LaFerner wished to thank all who helped with the Spring cleanup, with our yards, work and play areas, roads and cemeteries. A special thank you to the American Legion Post 444 of Baraga and Rev. John Henry for their wonderful program at the Pinery Cemetery. Beginning June 28, 2007, a Veterans Affairs Officer for the State of Michigan will be at the Tribal Center from 10:00 am until 3:00 pm to assist veterans with questions or paperwork.

Larry Denomie III presented the CEO Report. Additional Finance Review

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meetings were held during the month. Due to items discussed, meetings with department heads were scheduled. Plans to deal with the items noted have been requested and will be presented to the Council within 30 days. On May 3, 2007, a short National Day of Prayer service was held outside of the tribal center. Staff and community members gathered to pray for all, and John Bussey sang "Amazing Grace." The Ojibwa Senior Citizens building renovation plans continue to move forward. Meals will not have to be prepared at a different location for the summer months as constructing the addition allows interior work to take place later in the year. Bids will be opened on June 21, 2007. On May 7, 2007, CEO Larry Denomie, President LaFerner, Amy St. Arnold, and Jennifer Misegan met with newly elected representative Mike Lahti. We expressed our concerns regarding Senate Bill 4666 regarding the repealing of the Indian Tuition Waiver Act. Mr. Lahti indicated to us that he felt the bill wouldn't be acted upon and that appropriations were being included in the FY08 budget for the tuition waiver. When asked about his position on the sulfide mining, Mike Lahti indicated he was in favor of such mining if it could be done safely and without detriment of the environment. We asked Mr. Lahti about the low water level of Lake Superior, and he indicated that a variety of things are probably contributing to the problem. He did make note and would look into the matter further. Regarding our planned move of the Harvey casino to the former airport property in Negaunee, he appeared to be in favor of the economic impact it would create, and the fact that the surrounding communities favored the project. We have received bids from a few interested parties in leasing the restaurant facility within the Baraga Casino. After we review the list, solicit more detailed information and meet with them, the information gathered will be presented to the Council for review and consideration. Cherie Dakota has accepted the interim Health Director position as Ruth Bussey, former Health Director, resigned last month. A review of the organizational structure and the entire department will be completed over the next couple of months. During this time period, current staff will assist Cherie Dakota with work loads. Areas supervised by Jessie Luttenton, who resigned in May, have been redistributed to the CEO's office and the Realty Office. The position of Economic Developer is being evaluated with options to be presented to the council. The Grant Specialist position job posting has been approved by Council, which has an increased grade level, and was posted. The posting closed on May 29, 2007, with the Council reviewing the applicants on May 31, 2007. Interviews will be scheduled during June. On May 17, 2007, Jennifer Misegan, Amy St. Arnold and CEO Larry Denomie attended the KBIC's Headstart Graduation ceremonies in Zeba. All of the little graduates were outfitted in caps and gowns for their special day, and did a great job singing for the proud parents and teary eyed staff. On May 30, 2007, the Tribe's Education Department held their annual Senior Banquet honoring their graduates of L'Anse and Baraga high schools. William Jondreau was the guest speaker for this event. Shiloh Lussier was awarded the \$1000 L'Anse Scholarship, and Daniel Giddings was awarded the \$1000 Baraga Scholarship. Brittney Maki was awarded the Dawn Louise Denomie Memorial Scholarship offered on behalf of the Denomie family. In an effort to better coordinate events throughout the community, the Community Calendar on the KBIC's website is now being managed by Janice Halverson, the CEO's Office Administrative Assistant. This calendar includes planned events, activities, committee meetings and other information brought forward by departments throughout the tribe. You are able to view the calendar by visiting the communities' website at Ojibwa.com or by stopping by the tribal center.

Toni Minton gave the Secretary's Report for May 2007. A finance meeting was held on May 1, 2007. Tribal Council approved resolution KB1543-2007 — Haven Curtis and Clint Black residential lease; reviewed the audit reports of the Baraga and Marquette Casinos, some of the Tribal Government; and reviewed the March financials of the Baraga Casino. A finance meeting was held on May 2, 2007. Tribal Council reviewed the March financials of the Marquette Casino, The Pines and the Radio stations. They also approved the She Daisy and Foghat contracts, approved either \$250 or three rooms for three days for tribal members traveling here for family funerals. The regular Saturday Council meeting was held on May 5, 2007, and was reported on in the June 2007 Tribal Newsletter. A finance meeting was held on May 8, 2007. Tribal Council reviewed the March financials of the KBIC Tire, Tribal Construction and the Tribal Government. A special meeting was held on May 10, 2007. Tribal Council approved meeting minutes from March 22, 2007, and April 17, 2007; approved increasing the Tribal Health fund by \$250,000 to meet shortfalls; and approved the Sports Car Club of America license agree-

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ment. A special meeting was held on May 21, 2007. Tribal Council approved slot removals and additions for the Baraga and Marquette Casinos; approved Resolutions KB1544-2007—Alan Rajacic Jr. residential lease, KB1545-2007—Westman camp sale and residential lease to Donald Stolp, KB1546-2007—Betti Szaroletta residential lease, KB1547-2007—Eugene P. Loonsfoot residential lease, KB1548-2007—Safe & Stable Families Grant Application, KB1549-2007—Modification to the Beartown Housing Road Contract, KB1550-2007—MOA with the KBIC, the MDOT and the BIA, KB1551-2007—MOA with the KBIC, the BIA and the Village of L'Anse; approved a motion that no individual leases, commercial or residential, be granted at Sand Point or Buck's Marina; approved the 2007 camping rates for the Ojibwa Campground and Sand Point; approved the business license renewal for Superior Water Sales owned by Jerry Magnant and Kerry Varline; approved the fireworks license renewal for Keweenaw Bay Outfitters owned by Jerry Magnant and Kerry Varline; approved the business license renewal for All Purpose Drywall owned by Tim Mayo; moved the July 7, 2007 Council meeting to July 14, 2007; approved the meeting minutes of March 23, 2007, April 10, 2007, and April 11, 2007; approved raising the minimum wage of youth workers to \$5.91 per hour; approved a salary increase for the Interim Health Director; held the Second Hearing of proposed Ordinance 2007-1; and adopted the Proposed Ordinance 2007-1 Title 27B Nonprofit Corporation Ordinance. A special meeting was held on May 31, 2007. Tribal Council approved meeting minutes of April 14, 2007, and April 26, 2007; approved the Librarian's wages from May—September; approved applying for the USDA Rural Development Welding Grant; approved applying for the USDA Rural Utilities Distance Learning Technology Grant; approved the ICDBG application; approved a three month fireworks license for James Welsh; approved a liquor license for the Baraga Fire Department for June 2, 2007; approved a business license renewal for Superior Pizza owned by Jerry Magnant and Kerry Varline; approved a business license for Rust Free Parts owned by Joseph LaBeau, Sr.; approved the license agreement with the Village of Baraga/Baraga Fire Department; approved Resolutions KB1554-2007—Baraga 2% Distribution, and KB1555-2007-Marquette 2% Distribution; approved May donations totaling \$5900; and held the second hearing for Proposed Amendment 2007-2 to the Gaming Regulatory Ordinance. Toni Minton attended the Minnesota Indigenous Language Symposium along with the Culture Committee and Carrie Ashbrook, which was held in Duluth, Minnesota. It was a very valuable conference that had sessions on language nests, Ojibwe movies, internet programs and immersion programs in schools for pre-school, Headstart and elementary age children. The motto of the education programs at the University of Minnesota in Duluth is "Use it or lose it." Toni Minton stated, "I agree wholeheartedly, we must do all we can to save our language at KBIC. I was encouraged to hear that the Cherokee Nation began like us with a grant from ANA to assess their language with surveys. They now have an immersion school for children age three through first grade. I encourage all members to attend the KBIC's next Anishinabe Language Revitalization Community Gathering on June 5, 2007."

Jennifer Misegan reported in the Treasurer's Report that the first two yearly 2% distributions were made to local units of government per our 1993 consent judgment. The amount distributed for our Baraga Casino was \$140,323.37 and the Marquette amount was \$173,021.37. These calculations are based on the "net win" of class III gaming or slot machines. The Baraga 2% was distributed to Baraga County \$37,232.21, Baraga School District \$44,823.72, Baraga Township \$14,998.21, Baraga Village \$11,529.95, L'Anse School District \$22,371.57, L'Anse Township \$2,521.70, and Baraga Village/Keweenaw Bay Hockey Association \$5,000. The Marquette 2% was distributed to West Branch Township/North Star Academy \$1,500.00, West Branch Township/West Branch Community Center \$20,000.00, City of Marquette/Children's Museum \$10,000.00, Delta County Sheriff/UPSET \$25,000.00, Chocolay Township \$60,021.37, City of Marquette/Women's Center \$8,500.00, Marquette County/Dental Programs and Domestic Violence \$48,000.00. Our 8% payments were made this month also, and are made pursuant to the 2000 consent judgment or stipulation that we entered into in order to keep our Marquette Casino open. The Marquette amount was \$692,085.49 and the Baraga amount was \$561,293.50. The May donations were approved as: \$1800 for the KBIC Gymnastic families to attend the National Championships + two parents at \$300/each towards airfare; \$600 for Breanne Fish and Kim Miron for their trip with the Baraga International Club at \$300/each; \$250 for Thomas J. Dowd Sr.'s sponsorship in Native American Golf Tour; \$250 for Steven Geroux's AMA motocross sponsorship; \$250 for Lance Forcia's stockcar sponsorship; \$250 for the L'Anse Inter-group's Alcohol Free Dance; \$250 for the Baraga

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County Eagle Club's 8th Annual All Women's Fishing Tournament; \$1000 for the March of Dime's 4th Annual Recognition Dinner; \$1000 for the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life; and \$250 for Kid's Day at the Baraga Marina. Ten of the twenty-three received donation requests were approved this month for the total of \$5900. A reminder to those individuals and organizations seeking donations—the Council will review the requests for the month at the last scheduled meeting of the month. Requests are due the Friday before the final scheduled meeting of the month. Please submit requests well in advance. Please call the Tribal Center for the deadline date. Jennifer Misegan announced that it was her intention to review extensively the Tribe's finances with the membership following today's meeting; however, the government's audit has not been completed. Francis LaPointe, CFO, has assured her that this audit will be completed by the end of the month. The Tribe's finances will be reviewed at the July 14, 2007 Tribal Council meeting.

Department head reports for the month of April 2007, were approved.

Gordette Lutz, Director of the Baraga County Community Foundation, addressed the Council with a request for use of land, water and dumpster behind the Ojibwa Casino for the Cul Pepper Merriweather Circus. The Circus is planned for July 29, 2007. Consensus was to have the legal department draft an agreement for use with the proper releases for any liabilities in place. President LaFernier will contact Gordette Lutz when this agreement is ready for review.

Fred Dakota addressed the Council with a concern regarding the KBIC Appellate Court. Historically the Tribal Council heard appeals from the Tribal Court. In 2002, an Ordinance was enacted which changed this process. It appears that the procedures of this Ordinance are not working effectively. The Appellate Court is a separate department from the Tribal Court. Attorney Baker indicated that the legal department is working on a new Ordinance for the Appellate Court and it should be ready by the end September. **Motion by Jennifer Misegan to meet with the Tribal Judges and Court staff before the end of June, supported by Jerry Lee Curtis, eleven supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining, motion carried.**

John Baker presented a business license application for Christopher Voakes' Auto Body Repair and Custom Painting. **Motion by Gary Loonsfoot Sr. to approve the business license for Christopher Voakes and Robert Voakes Sr., supported by Michael LaFernier Sr., ten supported (Swartz, Minton, Loonsfoot, Misegan, Denomie, Blaker, Emery, M LaFernier, Matthews, Mayo), 0 opposed, one abstaining (Curtis), motion carried.**

John Baker presented Resolution KB1556-2007 to develop a Sex Offender Registry. **Motion by Jennifer Misegan to approve KB1556-2007 to implement the sex offender notification system and to comply with the PL109-248 Adam Walsh Act, supported by Toni Minton, eleven supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining, motion carried.**

Elizabeth Mayo brought forth questions regarding the enrollment card photos. The enrollment cards for youth under the age of twelve currently do not include photographs. Concerns regarding the benefits of having photographs available could definitely be helpful in the unfortunate circumstance of a missing youth. Photographs for youth would have to be taken quite frequently if used on the enrollment cards. If a youth plans on traveling, the enrollment office will take the photograph for the enrollment card, if requested. Currently a life scan project is being implemented within the Tribal Law Enforcement Department. Our youth will be photographed and fingerprinted. The system will produce three identifying documents from the software. One is kept on record in the Law Enforcement Department, and two are given for the parents who are encouraged to keep one in their records and to present a copy to a grandparent or other relative in the event the parent is unavailable to produce the needed identifying document. This system requires frequent updates and will be stationed possibly at events that our children frequent throughout the year. Chief Dale Dakota, Sgt. Duane Misegan and Vice President Warren (Chris) Swartz are currently scheduled for a training session on the life scan system.

Warren (Chris) Swartz advised Council and those in attendance of a planned promotion for ATV use in Baraga County. In an attempt to promote tourism, a group of Baraga County citizens, including Baraga Village Chief of Police and Chief Dale Dakota, are working on implementing a revised ATV policy which will allow ATV use in Baraga County. Swartz has drafted an ordinance which is currently at the legal department. The group's next meeting is planned for June 12, 2007, at the Baraga Village offices.

Jennifer Misegan indicated one donation request was unintentionally missed at the last Tribal Council donation meeting. Lori (Sherman) Muhling requested sponsorship assistance for her family stock car racing. **Motion by Toni Minton to ap-**

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prove a \$250 sponsorship for Lori Muhling for stock car racing, supported by Elizabeth Mayo, ten supported (Swartz, Minton, Loonsfoot, Misegan, Denomie, Blaker, Curtis, Emery, M. LaFernier, Mayo), 0 opposed, one abstaining (Matthews), motion carried.

Council moved into closed session with Summer Cohen, Doreen Blaker, President Susan LaFernier, Attorney John Baker and CEO Larry Denomie on the agenda.

Actions occurring after closed session: **Motion by Jennifer Misegan to approve the service contracts of James Paquette and Marla Buckmaster.** Supported by Michael LaFernier Sr. Ten supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining, one absent (Denomie), motion carried.

### SPENDING THE COOKIE FUND



Girl Scout Troop #404 — The troop used their cookie sale money for a day trip to Green Bay, Wisconsin, on Sunday, June 10, 2007. The twelve girls visited the “new” zoo, observed how donuts are made at Kripsy Kreme Donut Shop and visited with “Chucky Cheese.” Six of the girls are KBIC

Tribal members or descendants. Jailyn, Sydni, Ashley, Cassidy, Opal, and Chelsea.

### Library News...

New books @ the library:

- *MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers, Sixth Edition*
- *Wisdom of the Elders: Sacred Native Stories of Nature* by David Suzuki
- *Growing Up Native American* by Bill Adler
- *The Middle Ground: Indians, Empires, and Republics in the Great Lakes Region* by Richard White
- *Native American Stories (Myths and Legends)* by Joseph Bruchac
- *Portage Lake: Memories of an Ojibwe Childhood* by Maude Kegg
- *For Children: Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs* by Judi Barrett

~ Mary Bergerson, OCC Librarian

**Library Hours:**  
Monday 1-7 pm  
Tuesday 11-4 pm  
Wednesday 1-7 pm  
Thursday 12-3 pm  
Closed on Fridays



WEEKLY NEWS

### GLIFWC HOSTS OPEN HOUSE

The Great Lakes Indian Fish & Wildlife Commission held an open house for community members at Ojibwa Resort Casino's Chippewa Room on May 22, 2007. The event featured informational displays on intertribal off-reservation natural resource management efforts in the ceded territories of Upper Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota. GLIFWC representatives were on hand to field questions and hand out publications on treaty rights and resource management.

Keweenaw Bay Indian Community is one of eleven GLIFWC member tribes in the greater Lake Superior region. GLIFWC assists Ojibwe tribes in the implementation of treaty rights to hunt, fish and gather natural resources on lands ceded to the United States in the Treaties of 1836, 1837 and 1842. Staffed with biologists, technicians and administration professionals at the central office in Odanah, Wisconsin, GLIFWC also stations conservation wardens near each member reservation.

Additional GLIFWC member tribes include: the Bay Mills Indian Community, Lac Vieux Desert Band, Bad River Band, Red Cliff Band, Lac du Flambeau Band, St. Croix Band, Sokaogan Band, St. Croix Band and Minnesota's Mille Lacs and Fond du Lac Bands.

The recent open house in Baraga coincided with the bi-monthly GLIFWC Board of Commissioners meeting. Made up of one representative from each member tribe, the Board provides direction and sets policy for GLIFWC.

For more information on GLIFWC or off-reservation treaty management call (715) 682-6619 or see [www.glifwc.org](http://www.glifwc.org). Area GLIFWC Conservation Officer Jim LaPointe is available at 201-1711.



(left to right) Sue Erickson, Director of Public Information at GLIFWC, with Tribal members Jolene DeCota and Terri Curtis.



(left to right) KBIC Mining Specialist, Chuck Brumleve, KBIC Tribal member James St. Arnold of GLIFWC and Ann McCammon Soltis, a GLIFWC Policy Analyst who specializes in mining issues, as they view the ceded territory map, which is completely written in the Ojibwe language.



Meet Megan Mayo, born 05/26/2007, to Laura and Joel Mayo. She weighed 5 lbs. 14 oz. and was 19 inches at birth.



Meet Stephanie Rose Tamelin, born 05/07/2007, to Malorie Swartz and Ryan Tamelin. She weighed 6 lbs. 15 oz. and was 18 inches at birth.



Meet Michaela Beverly Sutherland, born 04/15/2007, to Mercedes Ellsworth and Michael Sutherland. She was greeted by 26 cousins and 13 great cousins. Grandparents are Pete and Bev Ellsworth of Baraga.



*Miss Keweenaw Bay  
Candidate Biographies*



The Pow-wow Committee has released candidates for the title of Miss Keweenaw Bay 2007. Pictured above (l to r) are Justine Minton, Chelsea Seymour, and Jennifer DeCota.

*Justine Rae Minton*

Age 16. Justine was born on February 22, 1991, in Hancock, Michigan. She is Eagle Clan, name is Flower Lady, daughter of Juliet Ellenich of Baraga, and Jeffrey Minton of Sault Ste. Marie. She has one sister. Justine is a Fancy Shawl dancer and will be entering the eleventh grade at Baraga High School. She is involved with basketball. Justine has gone to many pow-wows throughout the surrounding areas and is an avid dancer. She wants to be a role model to the younger generations to learn about the impact of illegal drugs and drinking. Her future plans are to graduate and go on to college for business management and return home to work.

*Chelsea Lynn Seymour*

Age 14. Chelsea was born on December 1, 1992, in Escanaba, Michigan. She is Eagle Clan, her name is Sound of the Thunder Birds, and she is the daughter of Michael & Tammi Seymour of Harvey. She has one brother and three sisters. Chelsea is a Fancy Shawl dancer and will enter the ninth grade at Marquette Senior High School. Chelsea has been taught her culture, how to respect her heritage and chooses to pass to the younger generation all that she has learned. Chelsea's hobbies are hanging with her friends, pow-wows, shopping, and she is an avid vegetarian and health oriented. Her aspects in life are to be a good role model for the younger generation, and to graduate and to go on to college.

*Jennifer Lynn DeCota*

Age 15. Jennifer was born on September 3, 1991, in Hancock, Michigan. She is Bear Clan, and the daughter of Lynn Velmer and Mike DeCota of L'Anse. She has one brother and one sister. Jennifer is a Fancy Shawl dancer and will be entering the tenth grade at L'Anse High School. Jennifer spends a great amount of time participating with the KBIC Youth Club which she is the Vice-President, playing basketball, drawing, camping, fishing, snowmobiling and spending time with friends. Jennifer has received medals for her basketball skills. She wants to teach the younger people of the community how to respect our culture. Her future plans are to graduate from high school, become a fire-fighter, attend college, play college basketball and eventually return home to work for the tribe.

*29th Annual Keweenaw Bay  
July 27th-29th, 2007  
Maawanjiiding  
Embracing Our Past To Protect  
Our Future*

**Ojibwa Campground-Baraga, Michigan**

Host Drum:  
**Medicine Tail**  
Atmore, Alabama

Co-Host:  
**Pipestone**  
Lac Courte Oreilles, Wisconsin

Head Veteran Dancer: **Albany Potts-Ojibwa**

Head Women Dancer:  
**Michelle Reed**  
Ojibwa

Head Man Dancer:  
**Gabe Bullock**  
Sac n Fox/AlabamaCoushatta

Youth Head Dancers:  
**Raistlin Awonohopay**, Menominee, Ojibwa  
**Megan Tucker**, Lac du Flambeau, Ojibwa

Master of Ceremonies: **Pete Gahbow**, Ojibwa  
**Neil Lawhead**, Ottawa/Paumunkey  
Honorary: **Ted Holappa**, Ojibwa/KBIC

Arena Director: **Lester Drift**, Ojibwa

2006-2007 Miss KBIC: **Shauna Pelto**



**Special Events**

**Thursday:**  
Lighting of the sacred fire  
Grounds Blessing & Feast  
Traditional Teaching  
Ojibwa Language Retreat

**Friday:**  
Ojibwa Language Retreat  
Creek Stomp Dance Exhibition  
Princess Crowning

**Saturday:**  
Fry Bread Championship  
Head Dancer Special  
Youth 2-step Championship  
Midnight 2-step Championship  
Drum Challenge  
Veterans Special  
Feast

**Grand Entries:**

**Friday-7PM**

**Saturday-NOON & 7PM**

**Sunday-NOON**

**\$14,000 dollar drum-split-NO DRUM HOPPERS-Dancers paid daily**

**Admission: \$5.00  
(10 and under free)**

Free Camping at the Ojibwa Campground with  
purchase of admission  
*Does not include Marina or Sand Point*

**Illegal Drugs &  
Alcohol  
PROHIBITED**

**ANIMALS must be on a leash at all times.**

General Inquires Contact:  
**Marty Curtis, 906-524-4411**  
or [ndtcmcc@up.net](mailto:ndtcmcc@up.net)

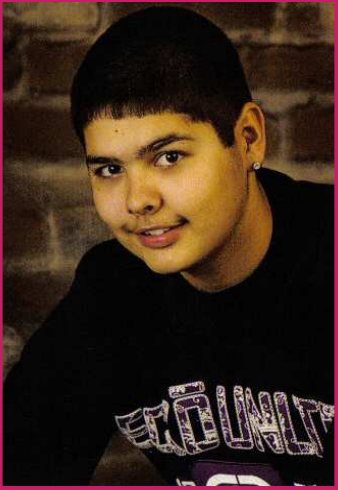
Artist & Vendor Info Contact:  
**Tracy Emery, 906-353-7117**  
or [temery04@hotmail.com](mailto:temery04@hotmail.com)

**A Family Event open to the public: Everyone is Invited!**

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## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR KBIC L'ANSE/BARAGA HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES



**SHILOH LUSSIER** – is the son of Dana Jaukkuri and Shawn Lussier and the grandson of Beverly Lussier. He has attended the L'Anse schools since fifth grade. He has had Perfect Attendance throughout most of his school career and has been on the Honor Roll numerous times. He participated in football, track, High Five Mentoring, and was a teacher's aide for the past two years. His tribal activities include Rez Runner basketball and the KBIC Summer Youth Work Program where he worked for the IT

Dept. and the Commodity Foods program. Shiloh was the head dancer at the tribe's annual powwow last year and he was also the head dancer at the annual winter powwow. He is presently employed at the Bay Shore BP gas station. He will be attending Northern Michigan University next fall, and his major is undeclared at this time.



**STEVEN GEROUX** – is the son of Mary and George Geroux. While in high school he participated in football, basketball, track, golf, power-lifting and baseball. His hobbies and interests include motocross, mechanics, movies, music and playing the guitar. His Senior

Project was coordinating an Intramural Basketball League. Steven will be attending Northern Michigan University, majoring in Auto Service Technology.



**MICHAEL LAHTI** – is the son of Shelley Colosky, Mike Dowd and step-mother Ronda Dowd. He has participated in varsity football for four years, varsity track, power lifting, Adopt-a-Highway Program with the Football team and Michigan Tech's Engineering Olympics. Mike gave the Junior farewell at the 2006 graduation and he was the senior class President. He enjoys football, video games, movies, music and spending time with friends. He will be attending Michigan

Technological University this fall majoring in Computer Science.



**BRITTANY MAKI** – is the daughter of Patti and Art Maki of Zeba. She has participated in many school activities which included track, basketball, High Five mentoring and Family Careers Community Leadership Association. She was named Student of the Week three times and was a Teacher's aide for three years. She was the sophomore class Vice-President and was the Secretary of her Junior and Senior classes. Her community activities were two years of Rez Runner basketball, KBIC Youth Club, and

KBIC Summer Youth Work Program. She was also the 2006 Lumberjack Queen. Her hobbies and interests are volleyball, weight lifting, running, scrap booking, traveling, quilting and many outdoor activities. Brittany will be attending Northern Michigan University this fall, majoring in Pre-Law. She then plans to attend Michigan State University to pursue a law degree.



**DANIEL GIDDINGS** – is the son of Trish Gerard and Mike Giddings. His school activities include football, basketball, golf, track, weight lifting, Flag football coach, Daily Mining Gazette Student of the Week, BHS Student of the Week, participation in Adopt-a-Highway, and he was a member of the Building Trades class for two years. He also played on the Rez Runner basketball team. He holds many records in the Baraga Athletic Department including 1<sup>st</sup> place for the 800 meter relay team, and 1<sup>st</sup> place status for most receiving yards in a season, most receptions in a game, most receptions in a season and most touchdowns in a season. He also holds many 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place records. Daniel has received academic letters and Honor Roll status consistently, and he has earned a Michigan Merit Award. His hobbies and interests are fishing, hunting, anything outdoors and working with wood. Daniel has been accepted by Northern Michigan University and he will be majoring in Criminal Justice.

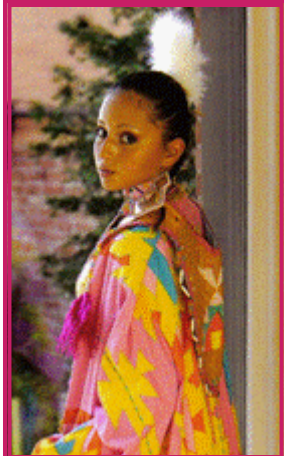


**CASEY MAKI** - is the son of Vicki Emery and Samuel E. Maki. He is a talented artist whose artwork has been on display in many local art shows. He has participated in Michigan Tech's American Indian Workshop and the Summer Youth Program. He has received the tribe's Perfect Attendance award several times during his school career. He participated in the

Strengthening Families Program and his Senior Project topic was "Animation." He was employed as a summer youth worker for the Ojibwa Housing Authority for two years. His interests include wrestling, NASCAR, art, music and spending time with friends. After graduation, Casey plans to find employment in the local area.



**TANYA SHERMAN** – is the daughter of Jody Emanuele and Loring Sherman. During her years of attendance at L'Anse High School, she was involved in cheerleading, youth and culture, Students Against Drunk Driving and Health Occupation Students of America. After graduation, she plans on taking classes at Ojibwa Community College and will be attending Northern Michigan University beginning in the fall of 2008. She is interested in the health field and is considering a career as an ultrasound technician.



**DANIKA STRONG** – is the daughter of Toni Minton and George Strong. During high school she participated in golf, track, cheerleading, basketball, the Big Sister mentoring Program. She was a teacher's aide and the Title VII Student Representative. She was on the Honor Roll many times, attended Honors Convocation in the tenth grade, received numerous art awards and also received a Michigan Merit Award. She attended the

AISES conference in Detroit. Her tribal activities include Rez Runners basketball, boxing, softball, Youth Club, and Summer Youth Work Program. She enjoys basketball, volleyball, golf, running, weight-lifting, boxing, drawing, reading, fishing and football games. Danika will be attending Northern Michigan University next fall majoring in Pre-Architecture.

# CONGRATULATIONS



## Anishinaabe Anokii

First People's Work Center



A small business development and support center sponsored in part by a grant from the ANA that is focused on Native American-owned businesses and entrepreneurs. Anokii

staff assist Native Americans and non-Tribal members in becoming successful and profitable business owners.

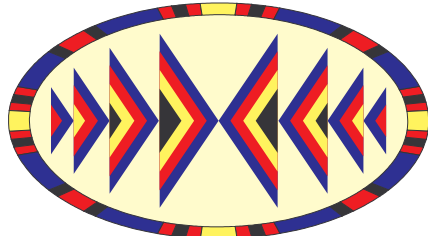
Anishinaabe Anokii services include:

- Tribal Business Owner Directory
- Business Development Resources
- Fax, Copier, Computer & Internet Services, Meeting Room
- Business Support & Developmental Education Classes
- Confidential Credit Counseling & Financial Literacy Classes
- "Indianpreneur" Business Development Program

8:00 am-4:30 pm

117 US 41 South Tel: (906) 524-2222  
L'Anse, MI 49946 Fax: (906) 524-2266

Timothy W. Shanahan, Business Counselor  
Tina Durant, Services Coordinator



## MORE GRADUATES



STEVEN STUMP - is the son of SFC Donna and Mr. Larry Stump who reside in Annapolis, MD, and the grandson of Loretta Hugo of Zeba. As a military dependent, Steven has attended schools in Ohio, Virginia, Germany, Kentucky and Maryland. Steven graduated from Broadneck High School a division AAAA in Annapolis, MD, where he played three years as a starting middle linebacker going to the State AAAA semi-finals 2006-07 season. He wrestled in the 189-pound varsity weight class 2005-07, was the JV Anne Arundel County 189-pound champion in 2005, and participated in the Severn River Rugby League. He's been

employed for three years at Vizzini's Pizza of Cape St Claire, MD. His volunteer services include instructing/mentoring the Cape St Claire youth football and wrestling programs since 2004. His hobbies are weightlifting, reading, and being an avid spectator of all sports. Steven will be attending Northern Michigan University majoring in sports science/physical therapy.



### Congratulations!

Lora Duschene graduated from Michigan State University on May 4, 2007, with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Communication. Lora is the daughter of Michael and Kathleen Duschene.



Steven Denomie, son the Lauri and Robert Denomie, graduated May 25, 2007, from the Baraga High School. Steven participated in JV and Varsity Football, JV and Varsity Basketball, was co-captain of the Varsity Basketball team during his senior year, and was an active member of the High School Golf team. Steven's volunteering includes student assistant for the seventh grade gym teacher, coaching the fifth and sixth grade boys football

team, coaching the fifth grade boys basketball team, and volunteering in the STOMP mentoring program, which aids young handicap children. Steven Denomie is the recipient of the Positive Peer Scholarship offered by Baraga BASH, the recipient of the Baraga Lions Scholarship and chosen as the Marquette Kohl's Kid's Cares Scholarship recipient for his community services with the STOMP mentoring program. Steven races Class 125C in the District 16 AMA motocross circuit, finishing the 2006 season in sixth place (six out of ninety-eight) in Sportsman B/C Class (Wisconsin and the western U.P. of Michigan). He is currently participating in the 2007 season. In addition to motocross racing, Steven's hobbies include snowboarding, basketball and hanging out with friends. Steven was honored to be chosen as the Mid-winter KBIC Powwow Male Youth Dancer, and participates in many local powwows as a fancy bustle dancer. He chose and completed his senior project on the Anishinaabe Powwow. Steven is enrolled in the Utility Lineman Curriculum at Gogebic Community College for the Fall semester.

## Footsteps In The Forest

Local Hiking Program  
A Series of Hikes



All activities will take place at 6:00 p.m. and meet at the site unless otherwise noted.

*In cases of rain event will be cancelled.*

### Current Event Schedule

July 11-Alberta, MI Trail  
July 18-Ojibwa Campground Beach Baraga, MI  
July 25-Alberta, MI Trail  
August 1-On Your Own

Wear supportive shoes, a hat, and sunscreen. Bring a light jacket and water. Children under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

Sponsored by: KBIC  
Diabetes Program,  
and S.T.E.P.S.

Contact Heather at 353-4546 or Kathy at 353-4519  
For more information.

### 2007 ANN MISEGAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

The KBIC Education Department announces the availability of the 2007 Ann Misenan Memorial Scholarship applications. The scholarship amount is \$1000, twice a year for up to six years, and will be awarded to a new student each fall. Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Enrolled Tribal member
- Attending an accredited college/university
- Enrolled as a full-time student
- Pursuing a degree in a Health Care field
- Resident of Baraga or Marquette County

Eligible students must complete an application, submit an essay detailing their interest in their chosen health field and submit a copy of their official transcripts (high school or college). For more information, contact Amy St. Arnold, Education Director, at 906-353-6623, ext. 4117, or at amy@KBIC-nsn.gov. The application deadline is August 6, 2007, at 4 p.m.

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Jerry G. Pennock, Funeral Director  
Susan J. Berutti, Funeral Dir./Manager



## "WANTED: SOMEONE TO TALK WITH EARL" KBIC ATTEMPTS TO REGAIN LANGUAGE



The third community gathering for the Anishinaabe Language Revitalization and Preservation Project was held on Tuesday, June 5, 2007, at the Chippewa Rooms at the Ojibwa Resort in Baraga. With more than sixty KBIC members present, the results of the recent 2007 KBIC Ojibwe Language Status Survey was publicly presented. Three Hundred-Fifty surveys were compiled with the results definitely revealing that our language is being lost, and that we do have one fluent speaker, that being Earl Otchingwanigan (pictured above), as he spoke words of wisdom to the group.

The next phase of the project is to develop a plan on how do we go about getting the language back. After advertising for elders and/or KBIC speakers, a group of elders was chosen by the advisory board as who will the individuals be to develop the plan. They were announced to be:

Earl Otchingwanigan (KBIC) Language Advisor  
Dorothy Sam (Mille Lacs) Language Advisor  
Ted Holappa (KBIC) Language Advisor

### Cultural Committee:

Gerry Mantila, Chairwoman  
Beverly Lussier, Vice Chairwoman  
Doreen Blaker, Council Representative  
Toni Minton, Council Representative  
Diane Charron, Secretary  
Louella Wood, Treasurer  
Myrtle Tolonen  
Evelyn Ravindran  
Mannie Durant  
Cody Blue

Summer Cohen, THPO

### Elders:

Ginny Ann Jermac  
Shirley McKasy  
Lois Bodga  
Michael Duschene  
Don Carlson  
Evelyn Holappa  
Barbara Swartz  
Matt Whetnug  
Glenn Bressette Sr.  
Loretta Hugo  
Violet Friisvall Sr.  
Chiz Matthews

The evening hosted an open discussion period, in which numerous ideas and concerns were revealed. A potluck feast concluded the evening with music provided by Keenan Quaderer on violin and honor songs by Four Thunder Singers. The next community gathering is planned for September 2007.

Youth Regalia Classes  
**Sundays**  
Youth Center  
**2pm - 6pm**

Instructions for making your own regalia  
You must bring material for making your regalia  
Call 353-4643, for more information!

## NEW EMPLOYEES

KBIC's Summer Youth Program employs three supervisors. Pictured left to right are Shayn Foucault, Michelle Hoggard, and Nancy Voakes. Jodene Rasanen was also rehired by Tribal Council as the Summer Youth Program Director. The Summer Youth Program employees approximately 80 Native American youth who reside on or near the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community.

Shayn Foucault is the son of Steve and Deanna Foucault. He graduated from L'Anse High School in 2006, and is currently attending Northern Michigan, where he is majoring in Architecture and Design. Shayn states that he applied for the Summer Youth Supervisor position because he wanted to help out with the Summer Youth employees. "I enjoy being outside, around the lake and being with friends."

Michelle Hoggard is the daughter of Francis Cadeau and Rose (Tyosh) Cadeau. Michelle moved here in 2004, from Illinois. "I live in Baraga and have two daughters, Samantha who is 15 years old, and Karli who is 9 years old. I applied for the Summer Youth Supervisor position to work with KBIC youth and to be a part of the KBIC Community."

Nancy Voakes is the daughter of Valerie and Beaver Voakes. Nancy lives in Zeba and has attended Northern Michigan University for three years, majoring in social work. "I am currently taking a break from school and reapplied for the Summer Youth Supervisor position because I enjoy working with our youth, and I am looking forward to a great summer with them!" This is Nancy's second year as a Summer Youth Supervisor.

Welcome aboard!



## KBIC EVEN START IS PROUD TO ANNOUNCE THEIR FIRST GED GRADUATE



Amanda Strong with teacher, John DeLine.

A m a n d a Strong, KBIC member and resident of Zeba, has been a participant in Even Start since March 25, 2007. She has excelled with her studies and possesses a "ready to work" attitude. Amanda was able to take her GED test on May 30, 2007, in Marquette and passed the last two of her remaining five tests, ranking in the 90 percentile for Language Arts, Reading. Congratulations Amanda!

## 1<sup>ST</sup> STEP COUNSELING SERVICE

If you are interested in starting or buying a business and don't know what to do next...



Call Tina Durant @ (906) 524-2222 at the Anishinaabe Anokii Center.



She will set you up with an appointment with a certified business counselor in the Baraga County area. Sessions are free and confidential.

Tired of eating out at the same places?  
Check out the Pressbox Lounge, they have a selection of delicious burgers and dinner entrees.



The second **Moby Reunion** will be held Saturday, August 4, 2007, at the Grand Traverse Band Bonzie Tribal Center from 12:00 noon—5:00 p.m. Please bring a favorite dish to pass and pictures to share. For more information 231-276-0048.



COUNCIL PARTICIPATES IN  
‘KICK OFF TO SUMMER READING’ PROGRAM



June is designated as the "Kick Off to Summer Reading in Michigan." As part of the "Kick Off", the Ojibwa Community Library invited members of the KBIC Tribal Council to read to The Pre-Primary and Infant/Toddler classes of the KBIC PlayCenter. The two classes visit the library on Tuesday and Thursday mornings every week. The Pre-Primary class visits are a component of the KBIC Even Start Program. Pictured above (left) President Susan LaFerner is shown reading to one of the Toddlers of the Pre-Primary Program. Pictured above (right) is CEO and Councilmember, Larry Denomie, as he reads with a group of youngsters who were visiting the Ojibwa Community Library.

Anin! And Greetings.

On behalf of the Tribal Council, we wish everyone a safe and happy Fourth of July holiday and Summer. There are many events scheduled for the entire family. The weather has been beautiful and remember to be thankful for our wonderful area that we live in and for our many blessings. One of our teachings is Respect — to honor all of creation is to have respect. Showing regard for the value of persons or things though courteous consideration and appreciation. Honor our traditional roles and teachings. Honor our families, others and ourselves. Don't hurt anything or anyone on the outside or the inside.

A big thank you for everyone who helped make the 5th Annual Boyzie Jondreau and Buck Chosa Memorial Kids Fishing Derby a wonderful success. I know that everyone appreciates the day and all of the fun that goes with the derby. I also know how much hard work it takes, so please thank everyone you know. Also thank you Eagle Radio staff for the wonderful Grand Opening of our Hancock satellite station on June 22nd.

I would like to welcome everyone to our 29th Annual Maawanji'iding Pow-wow "Embracing Our Past To Protect Our Future" on July 27-28-29, 2007. We are expecting another wonderful event this year and also remember to say thank you to our Pow-wow Committee and all who help for this event also. The planning and work for the Pow-wow begins in the winter and continues throughout the entire Pow-wow week and after.

I would also welcome you to celebrate with us at our 175th Anniversary of the Zeba Indian Mission-United Methodist Church beginning August 12-17, 2007, (see related news release). If we can be of assistance please call us.

MEGWETCH—*Susan J. LaFerner, President*

ZEBA INDIAN MISSION, *United Methodist Church*, 175th Anniversary, 1832-2007

ANIN! We honor the greatness in you.

In this one hundred seventy-fifth year of the Zeba Indian Mission, we have a great deal about which to rejoice. Our pride and joy in this special anniversary year comes from our history and people of the mission. In 1832, John Sunday (Shahwundais) who was an Ojibwa Chief in his earlier days and from Canada living at the Sault at the time, was asked by trader John Holliday to work among the Native people near Pequaming and the town of L'Anse. When he became a Christian, he was freed from the afflictions that had bound him, and he became committed to sharing Christ and Christian living with his people. John Sunday left his work in the Sault to start the work that would become the Zeba Indian Mission United Methodist Church. In the first year a Sunday school was begun and by 1834, cabins and fields were being established.

On Sunday, August 12th, we will celebrate that beginning as well as the one hundred seventy-five years of Christian mission. At 1:00 p.m. we will begin the time of celebration with an anniversary service at the church with our Superintendent Grant Lobb from Marquette preaching, and the Alan Larsen family bringing the music. A barbeque picnic will follow at the Camp Meeting grounds on Marksman road. Our Camp Meetings will then begin on August 13th through August 17th at 7:00 p.m. each evening. Former Pastor James Matthews from Zeba, Pastor Judy Mattson, a native Potawatomi, and other guest speakers will provide the messages with local folks providing the nightly music. Also a featured guest and speaker during the week will be John Thomas Nebenayashe, a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. He is an historian and has done a great deal of study around the early Methodist missionaries and the Chippewa Indians from the Lake Superior area. Mr. Nabenayashe's grandfather served the Zeba Mission at one time. There will be singing and prayers in the Ojibwa language during the week. Historical information as well as anniversary memorabilia will also be available.

For further information, call 524-7939. We invite everyone to come and visit with old and new friends, remember the past with us, and worship in our beautiful Church and outdoor tabernacle. "To the glory of God and the memory of those who made the Zeba Indian Mission United Methodist Church what it is today."

MICHIGAN INDIAN TUITION WAIVER PROGRAM, BY: SHARON L. TEEPLE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, INTER-TRIBAL COUNCIL OF MI, INC.

The tuition waiver is based on a Michigan Law P.A. 1976, No. 174, as codified in MCLs390.1251-390.1253. An ACT to provide free tuition for North American Indians in public community colleges or public universities. North American Indian means a person who is 1/4 or more in Indian Blood Quantum as certified by the person's tribal association/tribe, then verified by the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan, Inc., and forwarded to the appropriate Higher Education Facility.

The Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver is not a gift, not a scholarship, and not a Tribal responsibility, although historically it is not considered financial aid, it is now becoming more a part of financial packaging by some of the colleges/universities.

A person qualifies for the Michigan Tuition Waiver who is not less than 1/4 quantum blood degree; a Michigan resident for not less than 12 consecutive months; and qualifies for admission as full time, part time or summer school student, and attends a public community college or public university. (Note: certain educational facilities are only using the tuition waiver for full time students.)

The Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver Process:

The student is accepted into the college of their choice (please check with your school of choice and ask if they have specific rules in place regarding the tuition waiver program). The person fills out the Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver application (go to [www.itcmi.org](http://www.itcmi.org) to download the application, the history of the waiver and instructions on how to apply. For Michigan Tribal Members, it is the student's responsibility to fill out the application and forward said application to the appropriate tribal enrollment department, or the Bureau of Indian Affairs for completion of the bottom section which verifies blood quantum. For other Indians living in Michigan, you may send your application directly to your Tribe for certification; or obtain a letter from your tribe certifying your blood quantum; or contact the Bureau of Indian Affairs Enrollment office to receive assistance, if not affiliated with any tribe. The Tribal Enrollment Departments or the Bureau of Indian Affairs will usually forward the application to the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan, Inc. (It is the student's responsibility to follow-up and ensure that the application has been sent to the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan, Inc. Once received by the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan, Inc., the application will be checked for completeness and then forward a verification letter and documentation to the college's financial aid office. The verification will not be sent to the college without the Tribal certification and documentation of residency. At this time, Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan, Inc., requests the student to provide a copy of their driver's license, social security card and tribal card. (A letter from the Tribe stating the person is 1/4 or more will suffice for non-Michigan Indians.)

Other Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver notes: Don't wait until the last minute to process your application (try to give ITC seven days or more to process your application once it is received with blood quantum certificate. The agency processes over 1000 applications yearly. Upon completion of the verification process, Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan, Inc. will send you a copy of the letter sent to the college, along with a copy of your completed certification. Please feel free to contact Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver (MITW) staff at 1-800-562-4957 or (906) 632-6896, should you have any questions or concerns.



July 2007

Events occurring throughout KBIC are welcome to be listed. Please contact newsletter@kbic.nsn.gov to list your event. Events are more detailed FYI within the newsletter. For up-to-date event listing, please visit www.ojibwa.com and click on calendar. For Youth events (underlined) please contact 353-4543/Main Office at Youth Club, or 353-4644 for the facility attendants or the Kitchen/craft rooms.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <u>2-6 pm regalia making</u>	2	3 <u>9-11pm Open Gym</u>	4 HAPPY 4TH OF JULY TRIBAL OFFICES CLOSED	5 TRIBAL OFFICES CLOSED TODAY. Women Talking Circle; <u>6:00-8:00 pm Open Gym</u>	6 <u>8:30-10:30 pm Open Gym</u>	7 <u>6:00-8:00 pm Open Gym</u>
8 <u>2-6 regalia making</u>	9	10 DAY 1 OF HACCP TRAINING COURSE; <u>9-11pm Open Gym</u>	11 DAY 2 OF HACCP TRAINING COURSE; Footsteps in the forest 6 pm	12 DAY 3 OF HACCP TRAINING COURSE Women Talking Circle; <u>6:00-8:00 pm Open Gym</u>	13 <u>8:30-10:30 pm Open Gym</u>	14 <u>6:00-8:00 pm Open Gym</u>
15 <u>2-6 regalia making</u>	16	17 <u>9-11pm Open Gym</u>	18 Footsteps in the forest 6 pm	19 Women Talking Circle; <u>6:00-8:00 pm Open Gym</u>	20 <u>8:30-10:30 pm Open Gym</u>	21 <u>6:00-8:00 pm Open Gym</u>
22 <u>2-6 regalia making</u>	23	24 <u>9-11pm Open Gym</u>	25	26 Women Talking Circle; <u>6:00-8:00 pm Open Gym</u>	27 Powwow 7 pm; <u>8:30-10:30 pm Open Gym</u>	28 Powwow 12 noon; <u>6:00-8:00 pm Open Gym</u>
29 Powwow 12 noon	30	31 <u>9-11pm Open Gym</u>	Women Talking Circle. Come join us on Thursday evenings, 7 pm at the Ojibwa Campground. Contact Cindy Curtis @ 353-6008 or 395-0854 for more information.		<b>OPEN GYM—SUMMER MONTHS:</b> <u>Tuesday 9-11pm, Thursday 6:00-8:00 pm, Friday 8:30-10:30 pm, Saturday 6:00-8:00 pm.</u> For more information call 353-4643 or 4644.	

FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM ON INDIAN RESERVATIONS  
NET MONTHLY INCOME STANDARDS FOR THE CONTIGUOUS  
UNITED STATES (effective October 1, 2006)

Household Size	Income Limit
1	\$ 951
2	1,234
3	1,518
4	1,806
5	2,112
6	2,420
7	2,703
8	2,986

Each additional member + \$284

**Computation of Income Eligibility Standards**—The income eligibility limits for each household size are based on the sum of the Food Stamp Program net monthly income limits and the food stamp standard deduction amounts used for the contiguous United States.

**Income Deductions**—see 7 CFR 253.6(f)

**Dependent Care Deduction**—The

current maximum allowable dependent care deduction is \$200 for dependant children under two years of age, and \$175 for all other dependents.

**Earned Income Deduction**—Households with earned income are allowed a deduction of 20 percent of their earned income.

**Medicare Part B Medical Insurance and Part D Prescription Drug Coverage Premiums**—Households that incur the cost of Medicare Part B medical insurance and/or Part D prescription drug coverage premiums are allowed a deduction for the monthly cost of the premiums.

**Child Support Deduction**—Households that incur the cost of legally required child support to or for a non-household member are allowed a deduction for the amount of monthly child support paid.

(Rev. 8/2006)

EVEN START HOLDS OPEN HOUSE



KBIC Even Start held an open house on Wednesday, June 20, 2007, to showcase their accomplishments during the past year and to build community awareness of the services they provide.

KBIC Even Start, in its second year of funding, has shown growth in numbers. In the past year, they have served 23 families, compared to the previous year only serving ten families. They have moved to their new facility located at 755 Michigan Avenue in Baraga. Purchased a new van for transportation since Baraga County does not have public transportation

Fifty-five community members attended the open house and enjoyed hotdogs, chips and cake. The children received free face painting and books.

Teachers and staff are: Mary DeLine- Coordinator, John DeLine- Adult Education Teacher, Jacalyn Salloum- Family Literacy Teacher, and Christine Awonohopay- Outreach Worker/Home Visitor.

**Winners of the Door Prizes:**  
**24 Can Cooler-** Helen Jondreau, **3 in 1 Chicken/ hamburger/pasta cookbook-** Al Rajacic, Sr., **Lawn chair-in-a-bag-** Amanda Strong, **Lawn chair-in-a-bag-** Erica Forcia, **Child's lawn chair/ bubbles-** Robert Curtis, **Water noodle/beach toys-** Amanda Hueckstaedt, **Fishing pole, tackle box, lures-** Ronnie Hueckstaedt, **Tackle box-** Nathan Awonohopay





The West Branch Fitness and Community Center (WBFCC) welcomes the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community with full membership benefits.

Thanks to the Tribal Council, memberships to the West Branch Fitness and Community Center are free of charge to all Tribal members. The WBFCC offers a variety of physical fitness training and learning opportunities that are dedicated to the area and the health promotion for fitness, health and wellness of all of our KBIC members.

The WBFCC offers a large, premier health and fitness facility with the UP's largest swimming pool that includes: two spring boards, lap lanes, a shallow wading area, and water slide. Also available, indoor banked walk/jogging track, nautilus equipment and cardio-machine exercise floor to accommodate a full body workout.

For more information about the "W" or to establish your KBIC membership at the facility please stop by during our regular summer hours M-F from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. and on Saturdays and Sundays from 12:00 p.m. to 5 p.m. Please bring a current KBIC Identification Card and a new WBFCC membership and WBFCC identification photo will established.

For any questions about WBFCC classes, fitness training courses, monthly activities, swimming lessons or for more information on upcoming "W" events, please call or visit the West Branch Fitness and Community Center. The "W" is located at 301 Avenue A, Gwinn, Michigan at K.I. Sawyer. From Marquette, take 553 to the Sawyer International Airport turn-off and continue on Kelly Memorial Drive past the entrance of the Sawyer International Airport, turn left at the first intersection and right onto Avenue A. By phone you can call the "W" at 346-3559 or visit us on the Internet at [www.wfitness.org](http://www.wfitness.org).

A facility orientation for the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community will be held at the West Branch Fitness and Community Center on Friday, August 10 and Saturday, August 11. Special tours will be available from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. both days.

A special introduction to the facility will include membership sign-ups and membership identification photos. In addition, a WBFCC representative will be available to provide information about "W" programs and services available at the facility. For those interested, early sign-up and registration is preferred but walk-ins are always welcome.



## Upper Peninsula Children's Museum

The Upper Peninsula Children's Museum in partnership with the Keweenaw Bay Tribal Council is proud to be offering 100 FREE memberships to the Upper Peninsula Children's Museum for tribal families of need. A Museum membership provides families with unlimited use of the Museum during open hours for one full year, free entry to most events, monthly store specials and reduced prices on parties held at the Museum. A family can drop by for five minutes or stay all day, it's FREE. Eligibility for families of need is based on the same criteria used for the hot or reduced lunch programs in the public schools. If a Tribal family is eligible for the lunch program then they are also eligible for a Museum FREE membership. To apply fill out the simple form which can be picked up at the Tribal Center, Community Center, at the Children's Museum or downloaded from the Museum web site, [www.upcmkids.org](http://www.upcmkids.org). At least one family member per household must be a Keweenaw Bay Indian Community member, and a copy of their KBIC enrollment card must be attached to the form in order to take part in this wonderful partnership. Memberships will be given out, first come first serve.

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The Upper Peninsula Children's Museum, 123 W. Baraga Avenue, Marquette, Michigan 49855 906-226-3911 for questions regarding this offer ask for Nheena or Maria.

## OJIBWEMOWIN

**Abita Niibini Giizis**  
**Midsummer Moon — July**

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### FIND THE WORDS

### Vocabulary

A B I T N I I B I N I G I I Z I  
B N I J M N I S A S W I N I I W  
E I W I S I S G I N M A K A M D  
J N D A W I I A S N I B I A A S  
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W I W N S N A A A N A N G A I Z  
A K E E I H I A S N H O K O N I  
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A E E A W E A A G O I J A A O G  
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M I I N O G G I I Z I S I O P I  
O G Z W A O D I A B I E T N A I  
N I O I P B I N J I S G I I Z N  
I G I J A A N I M A D I Z I S A  
B A W A A G I J A A T N I M A D  
W E W E S M A W I N D E K A E S

**abawaa —**  
It is warm (weather)  
**gijate —**  
It is hot (weather)  
**gijaanimad —**  
There is a warm wind  
**wewese'igan —**  
fan  
**Wewese'idizo —**  
He fans the air to cool himself  
**mawinzo —**  
He picks berries  
**miinan —**  
blueberries  
**dekaag —**  
Ice cream  
**eshkandamin(ag) —**  
watermelon  
**minopogwad —**  
It tastes good



### Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Employment Opportunities

For a current job listings, complete job announcements, application and closing dates contact: KBIC Personnel Department, 16429 Bear Town Road, Baraga, MI 49908-9210 or 906-353-6623, ext 4176 or 4140 or visit <http://www.kbic-nsn.gov/html/personnel.htm>

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**CERTIFIED POLICE OFFICER — deadline 07/03/07**

**UNIT MANAGER — deadline 07/06/07**

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- \* Child Care Provider
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- \* Receptionist/Clerical Worker



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